GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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BAMBOO INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote bamboo industry ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated by the Government for implementation of the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER FOR SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government (in the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation) has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Bamboo Mission in the country during 2006-07 to:

(i) promote the growth of the bamboo sector through an area based regionally differentiated strategy;

(ii)increase the coverage of area under bamboo in potential areas, with suitable species to enhance yields;

(iii)establish convergence and synergy among stakeholders for the development of bamboo;

(iv)generate employment opportunities for skilled and unskilled persons, especially unemployed youths.

(c): A financial assistance of about Rs.75.71 crore has been released to the State during 2006-07.